

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

OLEG SHULZHENKO, )  
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Plaintiff, )  
)  
v. )  
)  
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF )  
NORTH AMERICA (a CIGNA company), )  
)  
Defendant. )

FILED: APRIL 22, 2008  
No. 08CV2285 TG  
JUDGE NORGLER  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE MASON

**COMPLAINT**

Now comes the Plaintiff, OLEG SHULZHENKO, by his attorneys, MARK D.  
DE BOFSKY, and DALEY, DE BOFSKY & BRYANT, and complaining against the Defendant,  
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, he states:

***Jurisdiction and Venue***

1. Jurisdiction of this Court is based upon the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA); and, in particular, 29 U.S.C. §§1132(e)(1) and 1132(f). Those provisions give the district court jurisdiction to hear civil actions brought to recover benefits due under the terms of an employee welfare benefit plan which, in this case, consists of a group long-term disability insurance plan underwritten and insured by The Life Insurance Company of North America (“LINA”)(a CIGNA company) as a benefit of his employment.

2. The ERISA statute provides, at 29 U.S.C. §1133, a mechanism for administrative or internal appeal of benefit denials. Those avenues of appeal have been exhausted.

3. Venue is proper in the Northern District of Illinois. 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(2), 28 U.S.C. §1391.

***Nature of Action***

4. This is a claim seeking disability income benefit payments to Plaintiff pursuant to a policy of group long-term disability insurance (“Plan”)(a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto and by that reference incorporated herein as Exhibit “A”) underwritten and insured by LINA pursuant to Policy No. LK0980065, effective August 22, 2006. This action, seeking recovery of benefits, is brought pursuant to §502(a)(1)(B) of ERISA (29 U.S.C. §1132(a)(1)(B)).

***The Parties***

5. The Plaintiff, Oleg Shulzhenko, is and was a resident of Elmhurst, Illinois at all times relevant hereto.

6. The Defendant, LINA, was at all times relevant hereto, engaged in the business of insurance and in the administration of benefits under the aforementioned policy of insurance within the Northern District of Illinois.

7. At all times relevant hereto, the Plan constituted an “employee welfare benefit plan” as defined by 29 U.S.C. §1002(1); incident to Plaintiff’s employment with Avis Budget Group, Inc. he received coverage under the Plan as a “participant,” as defined by 29 U.S.C. §1002(7). This claim relates to benefits under the foregoing Plan.

***Statement of Facts***

8. Plaintiff was employed by Avis Budget Group, Inc. until September 23, 2006, when he was forced to cease working due to the combined effects of spinal stenosis, disc herniation, degenerative disc disease, bilateral radiculopathy, and bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome. Plaintiff has not been actively employed since that date.

9. Subsequent to ceasing employment, Plaintiff made a claim for long-term disability (LTD) benefits under the Plan. Plaintiff supported his claim for benefits with

numerous medical records and reports, as well as other evidence, including objective medical evidence, certifying and establishing his disability

10. Pursuant to the Plan, *disability* is defined as follows:

*An Employee is Disabled if, because of Injury or Sickness,*

- 1. he or she is unable to perform all the material duties of his or her regular occupation, or solely because of Injury or Sickness, he or she is unable to earn more than 80% of his or her Indexed Covered Earnings; and*
- 2. after Disability Benefits have been payable for 24 months, he or she is unable to perform all the material duties of any occupation for which he or she may reasonably become qualified based on education, training or experience, or solely due to Injury or Sickness, he or she is unable to earn more than 80% of his or her Indexed Covered Earnings.*

11. Due to his condition, Plaintiff has been unable to perform the material duties of his regular occupation, or any other occupation, since he ceased working.

12. Despite the consistency of the evidence submitted on Plaintiff's behalf, LINA denied benefits and, upon appeal, upheld the denial.

13. That determination by LINA is contrary to the terms of the Plan and has no rational evidentiary support. The decision is also contrary to the reports and assessments of all treating and examining physicians and medical providers.

14. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing, based on the evidence submitted to LINA establishing Plaintiff has met and continues to meet the Plan's disability definitions, Plaintiff is entitled to all benefits due since March 23, 2007 (benefit commencement date following a 26 week elimination period), and such benefits must continue until he recovers from disability, dies, or reaches the age of 65, whichever comes first.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

A. That the court enter judgment in Plaintiff's favor and against Defendant and that the court order Defendant to pay disability income benefits to Plaintiff in an amount equal to the contractual amount of benefits to which he is entitled;

B. That the court order Defendant to pay Plaintiff prejudgment interest at a rate of 9% per annum on all benefits that have accrued prior to the date of judgment in accordance with 215 ILCS 5/357.9 or 5/357.9a;

C. That the court determine and then declare that Defendant is required to continue paying Plaintiff benefits so long as he meets the policy terms and conditions for receipt of benefits;

D. That the court award Plaintiff attorney's fees pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132(g); and

E. That Plaintiff be awarded any and all other relief to which he may be entitled, as well as the costs of suit.

Dated: April 22, 2008

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GROUP POLICY

**POLICYHOLDER:**

TRUSTEE OF THE GROUP INSURANCE  
TRUST FOR EMPLOYERS IN THE  
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC  
UTILITIES INDUSTRY

**SUBSCRIBER:**

Travelport, Inc.

**POLICY NUMBER:**

LK-980065

**POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE:**

August 22, 2006

**POLICY ANNIVERSARY DATE:**

January 1

This Policy describes the terms and conditions of coverage. It is issued in Delaware and shall be governed by its laws. The Policy goes into effect on the Policy Effective Date, 12:01 a.m. at the Policyholder's address.

In return for the required premium, the Insurance Company and the Policyholder have agreed to all the terms of this Policy.

*Susan L. Cooper*

Susan L. Cooper, Secretary

*Karen S. Rohan*

Karen S. Rohan, President

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## **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

### **Premium Due Date**

Premiums are due in arrears on the date coinciding with the day of the Policy Anniversary Date or the last day of the month, if earlier.

### **Classes of Eligible Employees**

Class 1	All active, Full-time Employees of the Employer regularly working a minimum of 30 hours per week.
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## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS FOR CLASS 1

### Eligibility Waiting Period

For Employees hired on or before the Policy Effective Date:	The first of the month following the date of hire.
For Employees hired after the Policy Effective Date:	The first of the month following the date of hire.

### Definition of Disability/Disabled

An Employee is Disabled if, because of Injury or Sickness,

1. he or she is unable to perform the material duties of his or her regular occupation, or solely due to Injury or Sickness, he or she is unable to earn more than 80% of his or her Indexed Covered Earnings; and
2. after Disability Benefits have been payable for 24 months, he or she is unable to perform the material duties of any occupation for which he or she may reasonably become qualified based on education, training or experience, or solely due to Injury or Sickness, he or she is unable to earn more than 80% of his or her Indexed Covered Earnings.

### Definition of Covered Earnings

Covered Earnings means an Employee's annual wage or salary as reported by the Employer for work performed for the Employer as in effect just prior to the date Disability begins. It includes earnings received from commissions but not bonuses, overtime pay and other extra compensation. Covered Earnings are determined initially on the date an Employee applies for coverage. A change in the amount of Covered Earnings is effective on the date of the change, if the Employer gives us written notice of the change and the required premium is paid.

An Employee's commissions will be based on the prior 12 month period. For Employee's employed less than 12 months, base earnings mean the amount of salary established and on file with the Employer.

Any increase in an Employee's Covered Earnings will not be effective during a period of continuous Disability.

**Benefit Waiting Period**                      26 weeks

A period of Disability is continuous even if the Employee can return to Active Service for up to 30 days during the Benefit Waiting Period. The length of the Benefit Waiting Period will not be extended by the number of days the Employee can return to Active Service.

**Disability Benefit**                      The lesser of 60% of an Employee's monthly Covered Earnings rounded to the nearest dollar or the Maximum Disability Benefit, reduced by any Other Income Benefits.

"Other Income Benefits" means any benefits listed in the Other Income Benefits provision that an Employee receives on his or her own behalf or for dependents, or which the Employee's dependents receive because of the Employee's entitlement to Other Income Benefits.

**Maximum Disability Benefit**                      \$20,000 per month

**Minimum Disability Benefit**                      The greater of \$100 or 10% of an Employee's Monthly Benefit prior to any reductions for Other Income Benefits.



**Work Incentive Benefits**

For the first 24 months the Employee is eligible for a Disability Benefit, the Disability Benefit is as figured above. If for any month during this period, the sum of the Employee's Disability Benefit, current earnings and any additional Other Income Benefits exceeds 100% of his or her Indexed Covered Earnings, the Disability Benefit will be reduced by the excess amount.

After the first 24 months, the Disability Benefit is as figured above, reduced by 50% of his or her current earnings received during any month he or she returns to work. If the sum of the Employee's Disability Benefit, current earnings and any additional Other Income Benefits exceeds 80% of his or her monthly Indexed Covered Earnings, the Disability Benefit will be reduced by the excess amount figured above.

No Disability Benefits will be paid if the Insurance Company determines the Employee is able to work under a Transitional Work Arrangement or other modified work arrangement and he or she refuses to do so.

Current earnings include any wage or salary for work performed while Disability Benefits are payable. If an Employee is working for another employer on a regular basis when Disability begins, current earnings will include any increase in the amount he or she earns from this work during the period for which Disability Benefits are payable.

**Additional Benefits****Survivor Benefit**

Benefit Waiting Period:

No waiting period.

Amount of Benefit:

100% of the sum of the last full Disability Benefit plus any current earnings by which the Disability Benefit was reduced for that month.

Maximum Benefit Period

A single lump sum payment equal to 6 monthly Survivor Benefits.

**Maximum Benefit Period****Age When Disability Begins**

Age 62 or under

Age 63

Age 64

Age 65

Age 66

Age 67

Age 68

Age 69 or older

**Maximum Benefit Period**

The Employee's 65th birthday or the date the 42nd Monthly Benefit is payable, if later.

The date the 36th Monthly Benefit is payable.

The date the 30th Monthly Benefit is payable.

The date the 24th Monthly Benefit is payable.

The date the 21st Monthly Benefit is payable.

The date the 18th Monthly Benefit is payable.

The date the 15th Monthly Benefit is payable.

The date the 12th Monthly Benefit is payable.

**Initial Premium Rates**

\$ .459 per \$100 of Covered Payroll

Covered Payroll for an Employee will mean his or her Covered Earnings for the insurance month prior to the date the determination is made. However, an Employee's Covered Payroll will not include any part of his or her monthly Covered Earnings which exceed \$33,333.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR INSURANCE**

An Employee in one of the Classes of Eligible Employees shown in the Schedule of Benefits is eligible to be insured on the Policy Effective Date, or the day after he or she completes the Eligibility Waiting Period, if later. The Eligibility Waiting Period is the period of time the Employee must be in Active Service to be eligible for coverage. It will be extended by the number of days the Employee is not in Active Service.

Except as noted in the Reinstatement Provision, if an Employee terminates coverage and later wishes to reapply, or if a former Employee is rehired, a new Eligibility Waiting Period must be satisfied. An Employee is not required to satisfy a new Eligibility Waiting Period if insurance ends because he or she is no longer in a Class of Eligible Employees, but continues to be employed and within one year becomes a member of an eligible class.

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### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSURANCE**

An Employee will be insured on the date he or she becomes eligible, if the Employee is not required to contribute to the cost of this insurance.

If an Employee is not in Active Service on the date insurance would otherwise be effective, it will be effective on the date he or she returns to any occupation for the Employer on a Full-time basis.

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### **TERMINATION OF INSURANCE**

The insurance on an Employee will end on the earliest date below.

1. The date the Employee is eligible for coverage under a plan intended to replace this coverage.
2. The date the Policy is terminated.
3. The date the Employee is no longer in an eligible class.
4. The day after the period for which premiums are paid.
5. The date the Employee is no longer in Active Service.

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### **CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE**

Disability Insurance continues if an Employee's Active Service ends due to a Disability for which benefits under the Policy are or may become payable. Premiums for the Employee will be waived while Disability Benefits are payable. If the Employee does not return to Active Service, this insurance ends when the Disability ends or when benefits are no longer payable, whichever occurs first.

If an Employee's Active Service ends due to an Employer approved family medical leave of absence, insurance for that Employee will continue for up to 12 weeks if the required premium is paid.

If an Employee's insurance is continued and he or she becomes Disabled during the leave of absence, Disability Benefits will not begin until the later of the following dates.

1. the date the Benefit Waiting Period is satisfied
2. the date the Employee was scheduled to return to Active Service

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## **DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS**

The following provisions explain the benefits available under the Policy. Please see the Schedule of Benefits for the applicability of these benefits to each class of Insureds.

### **Disability Benefits**

The Insurance Company will pay Disability Benefits if an Employee becomes Disabled while covered under this Policy. A Disabled Employee must satisfy the Benefit Waiting Period and be under the Appropriate Care of a Physician. Satisfactory proof of Disability must be provided to the Insurance Company, at the Employee's expense, before benefits will be paid.

The Insurance Company will require continued proof of the Employee's Disability for benefits to continue.

### **Benefit Waiting Period**

The Benefit Waiting Period is the period of time an Employee must be continuously Disabled before Disability Benefits may be payable. The Benefit Waiting Period is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

The Insurance Company will waive the Benefit Waiting Period for an Employee if benefits under a Prior Plan were payable on the Policy Effective Date and the Employee returns to Active Service within 6 months after that date. The return to Active Service must be for more than 14 consecutive days but less than 6 months. The later Disability must be caused by the same or related causes for the Benefit Waiting Period to be waived.

### **Termination of Disability Benefits**

Disability Benefits will end on the earliest of the following dates.

1. The date an Employee earns more than the percentage of his or her Indexed Covered Earnings which is used to determine if an Employee is Disabled
2. The date the Insurance Company determines an Employee is not Disabled
3. The end of the Maximum Benefit Period
4. The date an Employee dies
5. The date the Employee refuses to participate in rehabilitation efforts as required by the Insurance Company
6. The date the Employee is no longer receiving Appropriate Care

### **Successive Periods of Disability**

Once an Employee is eligible to receive Disability Benefits under the Policy, separate periods of Disability resulting from the same or related causes are a continuous period of Disability unless the Employee returns to Active Service for more than 6 consecutive months.

A period of Disability is not continuous if separate periods of Disability result from unrelated causes or the later Disability occurs after coverage under the Policy ends.

The Successive Periods of Disability provision will not apply if an Employee is eligible for coverage under a plan that replaces this Policy.

**Mental Illness, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Limitation**

The Insurance Company will pay Disability Benefits on a limited basis during an Employee's lifetime for a Disability caused by, or contributed to by, any one or more of the following conditions. Once 24 monthly Disability Benefits have been paid, no further benefits will be payable for any of the following conditions.

1. Alcoholism
2. Anxiety disorders
3. Delusional (paranoid) disorders
4. Depressive disorders
5. Drug addiction or abuse
6. Eating disorders
7. Mental illness
8. Somatoform disorders (psychosomatic illness)

If, before reaching the lifetime maximum benefit, an Employee is confined in a hospital for more than 14 consecutive days, that period of confinement will not count against the lifetime limit. The confinement must be for the Appropriate Care of any of the conditions listed above.

**Pre-Existing Condition Limitation**

The Insurance Company will not pay Disability Benefits for any period of Disability caused by or contributed to by, or resulting from, a Pre-Existing Condition. A "pre-existing condition" means any Injury or Sickness for which the Employee incurred expenses, received medical treatment, care or services including diagnostic measures, took prescribed drugs or medicines, or for which a reasonable person would have consulted a physician within 3 months before his or her most recent effective date of insurance.

The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation will apply to any added benefits or increases in benefits. It will not apply to a period of Disability that begins after an Employee has been in Active Service for a continuous period of 3 months during which the Employee has received no medical treatment, care or services in connection with the pre-existing conditions or is in Active Service for at least 12 months after his or her most recent effective date of insurance or the effective date of any added or increased benefits.

Except for any amount of benefit in excess of a Prior Plan's benefit, the Pre-Existing Condition Limitation will not apply to an Employee covered under a Prior Plan who satisfied the pre-existing condition limitation, if any, under that plan. If an Employee, covered under a Prior Plan, did not fully satisfy the pre-existing condition limitation of that plan, credit will be given for any time that was satisfied.

**Disability Benefit Calculation**

The Disability Benefit for any month Disability Benefits are payable is shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Disability Benefits are based on a 30 day period. They will be prorated if payable for any period less than a month.

**Work Incentive Benefit**

If an Employee is covered for Work Incentive Benefits, he or she may return to work while Disabled and Disability Benefits will continue. The conditions under which an Employee may return to work and the amount of this benefit are shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

The Insurance Company will review the Employee's status and will require satisfactory proof of earnings and continued Disability.

**Other Income Benefits**

While an Employee is Disabled, he or she may be eligible for benefits from other income sources. If so, the Insurance Company may reduce the Disability Benefits payable by the amount of such Other Income Benefits. The extent to which Other Income Benefits will reduce any Disability Benefits payable under the Policy is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

**Other Income Benefits include:**

1. any amounts which the Employee or any dependents, if applicable, receive (or are assumed to receive\*) under:
  - the Canada and Quebec Pension Plans;
  - the Railroad Retirement Act;
  - any local, state, provincial or federal government disability or retirement plan or law as it pertains to the Employer;
  - any sick leave or salary continuation plan of the Employer;
  - any work loss provision in mandatory "No-Fault" auto insurance.
2. any Social Security disability or retirement benefits the Employee or any third party receives (or is assumed to receive\*) on the Employee's behalf or for his or her dependents; or, if applicable, which his or her dependents receive (or are assumed to receive\*) because of the Employee's entitlement to such benefits.
3. any retirement plan benefits funded by the Employer. "Retirement plan" means any defined benefit or defined contribution plan sponsored or funded by an employer. It does not include an individual deferred compensation agreement; a profit sharing or any other retirement or savings plan maintained in addition to a defined benefit or other defined contribution pension plan, or any Employee savings plan including a thrift, stock option or stock bonus plan, individual retirement account or 401(k) plan.
4. any proceeds payable under any franchise or group insurance or similar plan. If there is other insurance that applies to the same claim for Disability, and contains the same or similar provision for reduction because of other insurance, the Insurance Company will pay its pro rata share of the total claim. "Pro rata share" means the proportion of the total benefit that the amount payable under one policy, without other insurance, bears to the total benefits under all such policies.
5. any amounts which the Employee or any dependents, if applicable, receive (or are assumed to receive\*) under any Workers' Compensation, occupational disease, unemployment compensation law or similar state or federal law, including all permanent as well as temporary disability benefits. This includes any damages, compromises or settlement paid in place of such benefits, whether or not liability is admitted.
6. any amounts paid on account of loss of earnings or earning capacity through settlement, judgment, arbitration or otherwise, where a third party may be liable, regardless of whether liability is determined.
7. any wage or salary for work performed. If an Employee is covered for Work Incentive Benefits, the Insurance Company will only reduce Disability Benefits to the extent provided under the Work Incentive Benefit in the Schedule of Benefits.

Dependents include any person who receives (or is assumed to receive\*) benefits under any applicable law on account of an Employee's entitlement to benefits.

\* See the Assumed Receipt of Benefits provision.

***Increases in Other Income Benefits***

After the first deduction for any Other Income Benefit (except wage or salary) is made, benefits will not be further reduced during that period of Disability due to any cost of living increase in that Other Income Benefit.



***Lump Sum Payments***

Other Income Benefits or earnings that are paid in a lump sum will be prorated over the period for which the sum is given. If no time is stated the lump sum will be prorated monthly over a five year period.

If no specific allocation of a lump sum payment is made, then the total payment will be an Other Income Benefit.

***Assumed Receipt of Benefits***

The Insurance Company will assume the Employee (or his or her dependents, if applicable) are receiving Other Income Benefits if they may be eligible for them. These assumed benefits will be the amount the Insurance Company estimates the Employee (or his or her dependents, if applicable) may be eligible to receive. Disability Benefits will be reduced by the amount of any assumed benefits as if they were actually received.

Except for any wage or salary for work performed while Disability Benefits are payable, this assumption will not be made if the Employee gives the Insurance Company proof of the following events.

1. Application was made for these benefits
2. A Reimbursement Agreement is signed
3. Any and all appeals were made for these benefits or the Insurance Company determines further appeals will not be successful
4. Payments were denied

The Insurance Company will not assume receipt of, nor reduce benefits by, any elective, actuarially reduced, or early retirement benefits under such laws until the Employee actually receives them.

***Social Security Assistance***

The Insurance Company will, at its discretion, assist the Employee in applying for Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) benefits. Disability Benefits will not be reduced by the assumed receipt of SSDI benefits while the Employee participates in the Social Security Assistance Program.

The Insurance Company may require the Employee to file an appeal if it believes a reversal of a prior decision is possible. If the Employee refuses to participate in, or cooperate with, the Social Security Assistance Program, the Insurance Company will assume receipt of SSDI benefits until the Employee gives us proof that all administrative remedies are exhausted.

***Minimum Benefit***

The Insurance Company will pay the Minimum Benefit regardless of any reductions made for Other Income Benefits. However, if there is an overpayment due, this benefit may be reduced to recover the overpayment.

***Recovery of Overpayment***

If benefits are overpaid, the Insurance Company has the right to recover the amount overpaid by either of the following methods.

1. A request for lump sum payment of the overpaid amount
2. A reduction of any amounts payable under the Policy

If there is an overpayment due when an Employee dies, any benefits payable under the Policy will be reduced to recover the overpayment.

## ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

### Rehabilitation During A Period of Disability

If, while an Employee is Disabled, the Insurance Company determines that he or she is a suitable candidate for rehabilitation he or she may participate in a Rehabilitation Plan. The terms and conditions of the Rehabilitation Plan must be mutually agreed upon by the Employee and the Insurance Company.

The Insurance Company may require an Employee to participate in a rehabilitation assessment or a Rehabilitation Plan at our expense. The Insurance Company will work with the Employee, the Employer and the Employee's Physician and others, as appropriate, to develop a Rehabilitation Plan. If the Employee refuses to participate in the rehabilitation efforts, Disability Benefits will not be payable.

The Rehabilitation Plan may, at the Insurance Company's discretion, allow for payment of the Employee's medical expense, education expense, moving expense, accommodation expense or family care expense while he or she participates in the program.

A "Rehabilitation Plan" is a written agreement between the Employee and the Insurance Company in which the Insurance Company agrees to provide, arrange or authorize vocational or physical rehabilitation services.

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### Survivor Benefit

The Insurance Company will pay a Survivor Benefit if an Employee dies while Monthly Benefits are payable. The Employee must have been continuously Disabled for the Survivor Benefit Waiting Period before the first benefit is payable. These benefits will be payable for the Maximum Benefit Period for Survivor Benefits.

Benefits will be paid to the Employee's Spouse. If there is no Spouse, benefits will be paid in equal shares to the Employee's surviving Children. If there are no Spouse and no Children, benefits will be paid to the Employee's estate.

"Spouse" means an Employee's lawful spouse. "Children" means an Employee's unmarried children under age 21 who are chiefly dependent upon the Employee for support and maintenance. The term includes a stepchild living with the Employee at the time of his or her death.

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## EXCLUSIONS

The Insurance Company will not pay Disability Benefits for a Disability that results, directly or indirectly, from:

1. suicide, attempted suicide, or whenever an Employee injures himself or herself on purpose.
2. war or any act of war, whether or not declared.
3. an Injury or Sickness that occurs while engaged in the activities of active duty service in the military, navy or air force of any country or international organization. An Injury or Sickness that occurs while engaged in Reserve or National Guard training are not excluded until training extends beyond 31 days.
4. active participation in a riot.
5. commission of a felony.
6. revocation, restriction or non-renewal of an Employee's license, permit or certification necessary to perform the duties of his or her occupation unless due solely to Injury or Sickness otherwise covered by the Policy.

The Insurance Company will not pay Disability Benefits for any period of Disability during which the Employee:

7. is incarcerated in a penal or corrections institution.
8. is not receiving Appropriate Care.
9. fails to cooperate with the Insurance Company in the administration of the claim. Such cooperation includes, but is not limited to, providing any information or documents needed to determine whether benefits are payable or the actual benefit amount due.
10. refuses to participate in rehabilitation efforts as required by the Insurance Company.
11. refuses to participate in a Transitional Work Arrangement or other modified work arrangement.

"Transitional Work Arrangement" means any work offered to the Employee by the Employer or an affiliated company while the Employee is Disabled and which may be his or her own or any occupation. The term includes but is not limited to reassigned duties, work site modification, flexible work arrangements, job adaptation or special equipment.

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## CLAIM PROVISIONS

### Notice of Claim

Written notice, or notice by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, must be given to the Insurance Company within 31 days after a covered loss occurs or begins or as soon as reasonably possible. If written notice, or notice by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, is not given in that time, the claim will not be invalidated or reduced if it is shown that notice was given as soon as was reasonably possible. Notice can be given at our home office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania or to our agent. Notice should include the Employer's Name, the Policy Number and the claimant's name and address.

### Claim Forms

When the Insurance Company receives notice of claim, the Insurance Company will send claim forms for filing proof of loss. If claim forms are not sent within 15 days after notice is received by the Insurance Company, the proof requirements will be met by submitting, within the time required under the "Proof of Loss" section, written proof, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, of the nature and extent of the loss.

### Claimant Cooperation Provision

Failure of a claimant to cooperate with the Insurance Company in the administration of the claim may result in termination of the claim. Such cooperation includes, but is not limited to, providing any information or documents needed to determine whether benefits are payable or the actual benefit amount due.

### Insurance Data

The Employer is required to cooperate with the Insurance Company in the review of claims and applications for coverage. Any information the Insurance Company provides in these areas is confidential and may not be used or released by the Employer if not permitted by applicable privacy laws.



**Proof of Loss**

Written proof of loss, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, must be given to the Insurance Company within 90 days after the date of the loss for which a claim is made. If written proof of loss, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, is not given in that 90 day period, the claim will not be invalidated nor reduced if it is shown that it was given as soon as was reasonably possible. In any case, written proof of loss, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, must be given not more than one year after that 90 day period. If written proof of loss, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, is provided outside of these time limits, the claim will be denied. These time limits will not apply while the person making the claim lacks legal capacity.

Written proof, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, that the loss continues must be furnished to the Insurance Company at intervals required by us. Within 30 days of a request, written proof of continued Disability and Appropriate Care by a Physician must be given to the Insurance Company.

**Time of Payment**

Disability Benefits will be paid at regular intervals of not less frequently than once a month. Any balance, unpaid at the end of any period for which the Insurance Company is liable, will be paid at that time.

**To Whom Payable**

Disability Benefits will be paid to the Employee. If any person to whom benefits are payable is a minor or, in the opinion of the Insurance Company, is not able to give a valid receipt, such payment will be made to his or her legal guardian. However, if no request for payment has been made by the legal guardian, the Insurance Company may, at its option, make payment to the person or institution appearing to have assumed custody and support.

If an Employee dies while any Disability Benefits remain unpaid, the Insurance Company may, at its option, make direct payment to any of the following living relatives of the Employee: spouse, mother, father, children, brothers or sisters; or to the executors or administrators of the Employee's estate. The Insurance Company may reduce the amount payable by any indebtedness due.

Payment in the manner described above will release the Insurance Company from all liability for any payment made.

**Physical Examination and Autopsy**

The Insurance Company, at its expense, will have the right to examine any person for whom a claim is pending as often as it may reasonably require. The Insurance Company may, at its expense, require an autopsy unless prohibited by law.

**Legal Actions**

No action at law or in equity may be brought to recover benefits under the Policy less than 60 days after written proof of loss, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, has been furnished as required by the Policy. No such action shall be brought more than 3 years after the time satisfactory proof of loss is required to be furnished.

**Time Limitations**

If any time limit stated in the Policy for giving notice of claim or proof of loss, or for bringing any action at law or in equity, is less than that permitted by the law of the state in which the Employee lives when the Policy is issued, then the time limit provided in the Policy is extended to agree with the minimum permitted by the law of that state.

**Physician/Patient Relationship**

The Insured will have the right to choose any Physician who is practicing legally. The Insurance Company will in no way disturb the Physician/patient relationship.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS****Premiums**

The premiums for this Policy will be based on the rates currently in force, the plan and the amount of insurance in effect.

**Changes in Premium Rates**

The premium rates may be changed by the Insurance Company from time to time with at least 31 days advance written notice. No change in rates will be made until 17 months after the Policy Effective Date. An increase in rates will not be made more often than once in a 12 month period. However, the Insurance Company reserves the right to change the rates even during a period for which the rate is guaranteed if any of the following events take place.

1. The terms of the Policy change.
2. A division, subsidiary, affiliated company or eligible class is added or deleted from the Policy.
3. There is a change in the factors bearing on the risk assumed.
4. Any federal or state law or regulation is amended to the extent it affects the Insurance Company's benefit obligation.
5. The Insurance Company determines that the Employer has failed to promptly furnish any necessary information requested by the Insurance Company, or has failed to perform any other obligations in relation to the Policy.

If an increase or decrease in rates takes place on a date that is not a Premium Due Date, a pro rata adjustment will apply from the date of the change to the next Premium Due Date.

**Reporting Requirements**

The Employer must, upon request, give the Insurance Company any information required to determine who is insured, the amount of insurance in force and any other information needed to administer the plan of insurance.

**Payment of Premium**

The first premium is due on the Policy Effective Date. After that, premiums will be due monthly unless the Employer and the Insurance Company agree on some other method of premium payment.

If any premium is not paid when due, the plan will be canceled as of the Premium Due Date, except as provided in the Policy Grace Period section.

**Notice of Cancellation**

The Employer or the Insurance Company may cancel the Policy as of any Premium Due Date by giving 31 days advance written notice. If a premium is not paid when due, the Policy will automatically be canceled as of the Premium Due Date, except as provided in the Policy Grace Period section.

**Policy Grace Period**

A Policy Grace Period of 31 days will be granted for the payment of the required premiums under this Policy. This Policy will be in force during the Policy Grace Period. The Employer is liable to the Insurance Company for any unpaid premium for the time this Policy was in force.

**Reinstatement of Insurance**

An Employee's insurance may be reinstated if it ends because the Employee is on an unpaid leave of absence.

An Employee's insurance may be reinstated only if reinstatement occurs within 6 months from the date insurance ends due to an Employer approved unpaid leave of absence or must be returning from military service pursuant to the Uniformed Services Employment Act of 1994 (USERRA). For insurance to be reinstated the following conditions must be met.

1. An Employee must be in a Class of Eligible Employees.
2. The required premium must be paid.
3. A written request for reinstatement must be received by the Insurance Company within 31 days from the date an Employee returns to Active Service.

Reinstated insurance will be effective on the date the Employee returns to Active Service. If an Employee did not fully satisfy the Eligibility Waiting Period or the Pre-Existing Condition Limitation (if any) before insurance ended due to an unpaid leave of absence, credit will be given for any time that was satisfied.

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## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Entire Contract**

The entire contract will be made up of the Policy, the application of the Employer, a copy of which is attached to the Policy, and the applications, if any, of the Insureds.

**Incontestability**

All statements made by the Employer or by an Insured are representations not warranties. No statement will be used to deny or reduce benefits or as a defense to a claim, unless a copy of the instrument containing the statement has been furnished to the claimant. In the event of death or legal incapacity, the beneficiary or representative must receive the copy.

After two years from an Insured's effective date of insurance, or from the effective date of any added or increased benefits, no such statement will cause insurance to be contested except for fraud or eligibility for coverage.

**Misstatement of Age**

If an Insured's age has been misstated, the Insurance Company will adjust all benefits to the amounts that would have been purchased for the correct age.

**Policy Changes**

No change in the Policy will be valid until approved by an executive officer of the Insurance Company. This approval must be endorsed on, or attached to, the Policy. No agent may change the Policy or waive any of its provisions.

**Workers' Compensation Insurance**

The Policy is not in lieu of and does not affect any requirements for insurance under any Workers' Compensation Insurance Law.

**Certificates**

A certificate of insurance will be delivered to the Employer for delivery to Insureds. Each certificate will list the benefits, conditions and limits of the Policy. It will state to whom benefits will be paid.

**Assignment of Benefits**

The Insurance Company will not be affected by the assignment of an Insured's certificate until the original assignment or a certified copy of the assignment is filed with the Insurance Company. The Insurance Company will not be responsible for the validity or sufficiency of an assignment. An assignment of benefits will operate so long as the assignment remains in force provided insurance under the Policy is in effect. This insurance may not be levied on, attached, garnisheed, or otherwise taken for a person's debts. This prohibition does not apply where contrary to law.

**Clerical Error**

A person's insurance will not be affected by error or delay in keeping records of insurance under the Policy. If such an error is found, the premium will be adjusted fairly.

**Agency**

The Employer and Plan Administrator are agents of the Employee for transactions relating to insurance under the Policy. The Insurance Company is not liable for any of their acts or omissions.

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**DEFINITIONS**

Please note, certain words used in this document have specific meanings. These terms will be capitalized throughout this document. The definition of any word, if not defined in the text where it is used, may be found either in this Definitions section or in the Schedule of Benefits.

**Active Service**

An Employee will be considered in Active Service with the Employer on a day which is one of the Employer's scheduled work days if either of the following conditions are met.

1. He or she is actively at work. This means the Employee is performing his or her regular occupation for the Employer on a Full-time basis, either at one of the Employer's usual places of business or at some location to which the Employer's business requires the Employee to travel.
2. The day is a scheduled holiday, vacation day or period of Employer approved paid leave of absence.

An Employee is considered in Active Service on a day which is not one of the Employer's scheduled work days only if he or she was in Active Service on the preceding scheduled work day.

**Appropriate Care**

Appropriate Care means the determination of an accurate and medically supported diagnosis of the Employee's Disability by a Physician, or a plan established by a Physician of ongoing medical treatment and care of the Disability that conforms to generally accepted medical standards, including frequency of treatment and care.

**Consumer Price Index (CPI-W)**

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published by the U.S. Department of Labor. If the index is discontinued or changed, another nationally published index that is comparable to the CPI-W will be used.

**Employee**

For eligibility purposes, an Employee is an employee of the Employer in one of the "Classes of Eligible Employees." Otherwise, Employee means an employee of the Employer who is insured under the Policy.

**Employer**

The Employer who has subscribed to the Policyholder and for the benefit of whose Employees this policy has been issued. The Employer, named as the Subscriber on the front of this Policy, includes any affiliates or subsidiaries covered under the Policy. The Employer is acting as an agent of the Insured for transactions relating to this insurance. The actions of the Employer shall not be considered the actions of the Insurance Company.

**Full-time**

Full-time means the number of hours set by the Employer as a regular work day for Employees in the Employee's eligibility class.

**Indexed Covered Earnings**

For the first 12 months Monthly Benefits are payable, Indexed Covered Earnings will be equal to Covered Earnings. After 12 Monthly Benefits are payable, Indexed Covered Earnings will be an Employee's Covered Earnings plus an increase applied on each anniversary of the date Monthly Benefits became payable. The amount of each increase will be the lesser of:

1. 10% of the Employee's Indexed Covered Earnings during the preceding year of Disability; or
2. the rate of increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) during the preceding calendar year.

**Injury**

Any accidental loss or bodily harm which results directly and independently of all other causes from an Accident.

**Insurability Requirement**

An eligible person will satisfy the Insurability Requirement for an amount of coverage on the day the Insurance Company agrees in writing to accept him or her as insured for that amount. To determine a person's acceptability for coverage, the Insurance Company will require evidence of good health and may require it be provided at the Employee's expense.

**Insurance Company**

The Insurance Company underwriting the Policy is named on the Policy cover page.

**Insured**

A person who is eligible for insurance under the Policy, for whom insurance is elected, the required premium is paid and coverage is in force under the Policy.

**Physician**

Physician means a licensed doctor practicing within the scope of his or her license and rendering care and treatment to an Insured that is appropriate for the condition and locality. The term does not include an Employee, an Employee's spouse, the immediate family (including parents, children, siblings or spouses of any of the foregoing, whether the relationship derives from blood or marriage), of an Employee or spouse, or a person living in an Employee's household.

**Prior Plan**

The Prior Plan refers to the plan of insurance providing similar benefits sponsored by the Employer in effect directly prior to the Policy Effective Date.

**Sickness**

Any physical or mental illness.

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**LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA**  
(herein called the Insurance Company)

**AMENDATORY RIDER**

**CLAIM PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO PLANS SUBJECT TO THE  
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT ("ERISA")**

The provisions below amend the Policy to which they are attached. They apply to all claims for benefits under the Policy. They supplement other provisions of the Policy relating to claims for benefits.

This Policy has been issued in conjunction with an employee welfare benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). This Policy is a Plan document within the meaning of ERISA. As respects the Insurance Company, it is the sole contract under which benefits are payable by the Insurance Company. Except for this, it shall not be deemed to affect or supersede other Plan documents.

The Plan Administrator has appointed the Insurance Company as the named fiduciary for deciding claims for benefits under the Plan, and for deciding any appeals of denied claims.

**Review of Claims for Benefits**

The Insurance Company has 45 days from the date it receives a claim for disability benefits, or 90 days from the date it receives a claim for any other benefit, to determine whether or not benefits are payable in accordance with the terms of the Policy. The Insurance Company may require more time to review the claim if necessary due to matters beyond its control. If this should happen, the Insurance Company must provide notice in writing that its review period has been extended for:

- (i) up to two more 30 day periods (in the case of a claim for disability benefits); or
- (ii) 90 days more (in the case of any other benefit).

If this extension is made because additional information must be furnished, these extension periods will begin when the additional information is received. The requested information must be furnished within 45 days.

During the review period, the Insurance Company may require:

- (i) a medical examination of the Insured, at its own expense; or
- (ii) additional information regarding the claim.

If a medical examination is required, the Insurance Company will notify the Insured of the date and time of the examination and the physician's name and location. If additional information is required, the Insurance Company must notify the claimant, in writing, stating what information is needed and why it is needed.

If the claim is approved, the Insurance Company will pay the appropriate benefit.

If the claim is denied, in whole or in part, the Insurance Company will provide written notice within the review period. The Insurance Company's written notice will include the following information:

1. The specific reason(s) the claim was denied.
2. Specific reference to the Policy provision(s) on which the denial was based.
3. Any additional information required for the claim to be reconsidered, and the reason this information is necessary.
4. In the case of any claim for a disability benefit: identification of any internal rule, guideline or protocol relied on in making the claim decision, and an explanation of any medically-related exclusion or limitation involved in the decision.

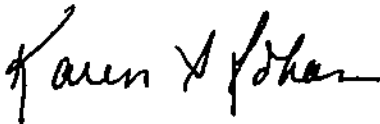
5. A statement regarding the right to appeal the decision, and an explanation of the appeal procedure, including a statement of the right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA if the appeal is denied.

#### **Appeal Procedure for Denied Claims**

Whenever a claim is denied, there is the right to appeal the decision. A written request for appeal must be made to the Insurance Company within 60 days (180 days in the case of any claim for disability benefits) from the date the denial was received. If a request is not made within that time, the right to appeal will have been waived.

Once a request has been received by the Insurance Company, a prompt and complete review of the claim will take place. This review will give no deference to the original claim decision. It will not be made by the person who made the initial claim decision, or a subordinate of that person. During the review, the claimant (or the claimant's duly authorized representative) has the right to review any documents that have a bearing on the claim, including the documents which establish and control the Plan. Any medical or vocational experts consulted by the Insurance Company will be identified. Issues and comments that might affect the outcome of the review may also be submitted.

The Insurance Company has 60 days (45 days, in the case of any disability benefit) from the date it receives a request to review the claim and provide its decision. Under special circumstances, the Insurance Company may require more time to review the claim. If this should happen, the Insurance Company must provide notice, in writing, that its review period has been extended for an additional 60 days (45 days in the case of any disability benefit). Once its review is complete, the Insurance Company must state, in writing, the results of the review and indicate the Plan provisions upon which it based its decision.



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### **IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR STATE REQUIREMENTS**

If an Employee resides in one of the following states, the provisions of the certificate are modified for residents of the following states. The modifications listed apply only to residents of that state.

**Louisiana residents:**

The percentage of Indexed Covered Earnings, if any, that qualifies an insured to meet the definition of Disability/Disabled may not be less than 80%.

**Minnesota residents:**

The Pre-existing Condition Limitation, if any, may not be longer than 24 months from the insured's most recent effective date of insurance.

**Texas residents:**

Any provision offsetting or otherwise reducing any benefit by an amount payable under an individual or franchise policy will not apply.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA 19192-2235**

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This form is to be signed in duplicate. One part is to be retained by Travelport, Inc.; the other part is to be returned to the LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA.

Travelport, Inc.

Signature and Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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